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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SMITH, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BURR, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mrs. LINCOLN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Boy Scouts of America
5 Centennial Commemorative Coin Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) The Boy Scouts of America will celebrate
4 its centennial on February 8, 2010.

5 (2) The Boy Scouts of America is the largest
6 youth organization in the United States, with
7 3,000,000 youth members and 1,000,000 adult lead-
8 ers in the traditional programs of Cub Scouts, Boy
9 Scouts, and Venturing.

10 (3) Since 1910, more than 111,000,000 youth
11 have participated in Scouting's traditional programs.

12 (4) The Boy Scouts of America was granted a
13 Federal charter in 1916 by an Act of the 64th Con-
14 gress which was signed into law by President Wood-
15 row Wilson.

16 (5) In the 110th Congress, 248 members of the
17 House of Representative and the Senate have par-
18 ticipated in Boy Scouts of America as Scouts or
19 adult leaders.

20 (6) The mission of the Boy Scouts of America
21 is “to prepare young people to make ethical and
22 moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in
23 them the values of the Scout Oath and Law”.

24 (7) Every day across our Nation, Scouts and
25 their leaders pledge to live up the promise in the
26 Scout Oath—“On my honor I will do my best, To

1 do my duty to God and my country and to obey the
 2 Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To
 3 keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and
 4 morally straight”—and the Scout Law, according to
 5 which a Scout is “Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
 6 Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful,
 7 Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent”.

8 (8) In the past 4 years alone, Scouting youth
 9 and their leaders have volunteered more than
 10 6,500,000 hours of service to their communities
 11 through more than 75,000 service projects, benefit-
 12 ting food banks, local schools, and civic organiza-
 13 tions.

14 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

15 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
 16 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
 17 shall mint and issue not more than 350,000 \$1 coins in
 18 commemoration of the centennial of the founding of the
 19 Boy Scouts of America, each of which shall—

- 20 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;
- 21 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and
- 22 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
- 23 copper.

1 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
 2 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
 3 title 31, United States Code.

4 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
 5 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
 6 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
 7 matic items.

8 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

9 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
 11 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
 12 100 years of the largest youth organization in
 13 United States, the Boy Scouts of America.

14 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
 15 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

16 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

17 (B) an inscription of the year “2010”; and

18 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,

19 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-

20 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

21 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
 22 under this Act shall be—

23 (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation

24 with the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of

25 America and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

1 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
2 Committee.

3 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

4 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
5 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

6 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only one facility of the United
7 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
8 of the coins minted under this Act.

9 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
10 issue coins under this Act only on or after February 8,
11 2010, and before January 1, 2011.

12 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

13 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act
14 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
15 of—

16 (1) the face value of the coins;

17 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7 with re-
18 spect to such coins; and

19 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
20 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
21 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

22 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
23 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
24 discount.

25 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
 2 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
 3 before the issuance of such coins.

4 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
 5 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
 6 sonable discount.

7 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
 9 Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

10 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
 11 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
 12 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
 13 shall be paid to the National Boy Scouts of America Foun-
 14 dation, which funds will be made available to local councils
 15 in the form of grants for the extension of Scouting in hard
 16 to serve areas.

17 (c) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United
 18 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,
 19 documents, and other data of the National Boy Scouts of
 20 America Foundation as may be related to the expenditures
 21 of amounts paid under subsection (b).

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